AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

BCG Vaccination

57. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BCG vaccination is a part of the expanded programme of Immunisation and ANMs are entrusted with the task of immunisation;

(b) what is the percentage of coverage of BCG vaccination under the expanded programme of immunisation;

(c) whether any survey had been conducted to find out allergic reactions to BCG vaccination; if so, the number of such reactions, year-wise, during the last three years; and

(d) whether there is any national infrastructure to minotor and evaluate implementation of the programme, regarding delivery techniques, efficiency of vaccine-storage, transportation and potency of vaccines; if so, the details of their findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated coverage level for the BCG, for the year 1988-89 is 79.54% of the eligible population i.e. infants.

(c) An ulceration and scar is an expected reaction for BCG vaccination. A scar rate of 85% or above was noted in 74 surveys out of a total of 103 Coverage Evaluation Surveys during 1988.

(d) Universal Immunization Programme including BCG vaccination is implemented by the State health authorities. The Central Government assists States and UTs by training senior personnel, providing prototype health education material, supply of vaccines and cold storage equipment and a limited support for superviory staff. Vaccination Coverage Evaluation Surveys are organised to confirm vaccination coverage levels and to determine the reasons for imcomplete immunization. The results of these surveys shows a wide range of immunization coverage levels in the districts. Public awareness about the benefits of the programme and services available is being improved through various health education and communication initiatives. Health infrastructure is also being strengthened to reach high levels of immunization coverage and to sustain these levels. The State Governments have been advised to step up field monitoring of services.

Outbreak of Cholera in Narela, Delhi

58. SHRI RAM A A HESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cholera has broken out in Narela area of Delhi, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 2nd July, 1989; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any responsibility has been fixed in the matter and those responsible therefor have been suitably dealt with?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFA RE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Government has seen the news item. According to the survey conducted by the